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THE CLAIMS

In order to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 101 set forth on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 6 has been amended at lines 2, 5 and 8 to include the recitations "defining in a database of a computer", "defining in the database of the computer", and "dynamically deriving on the computer", as agreed to by the Examiner.

In addition, in order to more clearly comply with the requirements of 35 USC 101, claim 6 has been amended to recite a final step of "producing the particular product utilizing parts retrieved in accordance with the activities of the derived manufacturing process," as supported by the disclosure in the specification at page 5, lines 1-6 and page 14, line 23 to page 15, line 9.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claim 6 be approved and entered and that the rejection under 35 USC 101 be withdrawn.

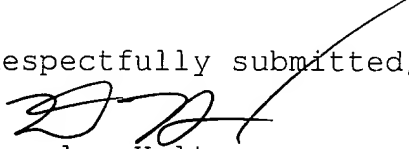
Still further, it is again respectfully submitted that the claimed present invention patentably distinguishes over all of the prior art references of record, taken singly or in any combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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